

## OBITUARY: HILBRAND BOSCHMA

The Commission announces, with great regret, the death of Dr. Hilbrand Boschma on 22 July 1976 at the age of 83.

Dr. Boschma was born at IJsbrechtum in Friesland in 1893. He took his degrees at the University of Amsterdam and gained an early reputation for his researches on parasitic Copepoda (Rhizocephala) and corals. In later years he developed from a comparative anatomist to an all-round biologist of exceptional breadth of expertise and activity.

In 1934, at the early age of 41, he became Director of the Rijksmuseum at Leiden and Professor of systematic zoology at Leiden University. His ability as an administrator is shown by the fact that, even in the great depression, he increased the financial resources and the staff of the Museum; and by his success in keeping all his staff out of German hands during the years of occupation. He retired as Director in 1958 and as Professor in 1963, but maintained his scientific activity to the end of his life.

Dr. Boschma was elected a member of the Commission in 1946 and retired on reaching the age-limit in 1968. He attended the Paris (1948), Copenhagen (1953) and London (1958) Congresses of Zoology and took an active part in the Colloquia on nomenclature at Copenhagen and London. Apart from his work on the Commission he worked hard to interest his students in nomenclature and published several papers on nomenclature problems. Towards the end of his life his health began to fail and he suffered a fractured hip and arm a few days before his death, but passed peacefully away without pain.

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